

City of Somerville, Massachusetts
Matters of Business of the Board of Aldermen

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

January 25, 2007, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
2. Minutes Approval Approval of the minutes of the two Special Meetings of December 11, 2006, and the Regular Meeting of December 14, 2006.

CITATIONS

3. Citation By Ald. Pero, Heuston and the Entire Board, Commending James Roderick, an employee in the DPW, who has served our nation with valor in Iraq.
4. Citation By Ald. Taylor and the Entire Board, Commending Patrick Sullivan on earning his Eagle Scout Badge, the highest award that can be earned by a member of the Boy Scouts.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. Grant of Location GEI Consultants Inc. for a grant of location to install monitoring wells as needed in the public streets and sidewalks in the Tufts St. area as shown on their site plan dated January, 2007.

**ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS
AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS**

6. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Director of Traffic and Parking review the traffic and parking impacts of the new housing development on Temple St., near St. Polycarp's, and make recommendations for remediation.
7. Order By Ald. Pero, That a representative from NStar, and the Commissioner of Public Works, appear at the next meeting of the Committee on Public Utilities & Works, to improve their responsiveness to reported street light outages.

8. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Winter Hill Community School playground be added to the list of snow emergency neighborhood parking in Ward 4.
9. Order By Ald. Pero, That Commissioner of Public Works add Stimpson Sq., at Broadway and Fellsway West, to the scheduled cleaning program in Ward 4.
10. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Director of SPCD form a neighborhood advisory group to prepare plans for the renovation of Grimmons Park in Ten Hills.
11. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works ensure that trash receptacles are provided for all city buildings in order to comply with the new trash ordinance.
12. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works work with the Ward 2 Alderman to locate benches and trash receptacles on Washington and Beacon Sts.
13. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol to the intersection of Beacon and Washington Sts. during rush hours for vehicles running the red light.
14. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works review the corner of Washington and Beacon Sts. for the need for a catch basin, as water continually gathers there.
15. Order By Ald. Taylor and Heuston, That the Chief of Police order increased patrols in Union Sq. between 5PM and 6AM.
16. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works make arrangements to install a bench at 40 Bow St.
17. Resolution By Ald. Taylor, That the Dedication Committee approve a bench or tree on the traffic island at 1 Summer St. in memory of Mario Borges.
18. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Trane, That the Chief of Police implement a confidential hotline where citizens can report criminal activities without fear of retribution.
19. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works direct the city's trash contractor to use care when replacing emptied barrels, and take steps to make the contractor responsible when they damage barrels.
20. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Chief of Police assist residents that have been possible victims of credit card fraud due to the recent computer intrusion at TJ Maxx, and inform them what to do to prevent identity theft.

21. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the missing street sign on Bailey St. at West Adams St., and repair or replace the damaged signs at West Adams and Conwell, Sunset and Curtis, and Howard and Thorndike Sts.
22. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works explain to the Ward 7 Alderman why the trees at Broadway at Alewife Brook Pkwy. have not been replaced, and discuss with the Ward 7 Alderman sponsors for added flowers in this area, as in other key entry ways to the city.
23. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Director of SPCD follow up on problems at Ciampa Manor, including rodents, inspection of the elevator, and any unsafe or unsanitary conditions.
24. Order By Ald. White, That a representative of the Assessor's Office appear before the Finance Committee to discuss the taxation of billboards.
25. Order By Ald. White, That the Director of Finance and the Chief Assessor appear before the Finance Committee to discuss the steps taken to balance the budget after DOR ruled that the City could not use proceeds from the sale of 0 New Washington St. and its likely impact on the remainder of the fiscal year, including the overlay account.
26. Order By Ald. White, That representatives of Somerville Cares About Prevention appear before the Committee on Public Health & Safety to discuss its programs and any assistance the Board could provide to reduce drug and alcohol dependency among youth.
27. Ordinance By Ald. O'Donovan, proposing an amendment to the Zoning Ordinances to create a PUD-B1 zone, and re-zone the KSS MaxPak site as PUD-B1.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

28. Committee Report of the Committee on Capital Planning, January 23.
Report
29. Committee Report of the Committee on Land Use, January 23.
Report
30. Committee Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, January
Report 23.

- 31. Committee Report of the Committee on Licenses & Permits, January Report 24.
- 32. Committee Report of the Committee on Finance, January 24. Report
- 33. Committee Report of the Committee on Environment & Energy, Report January 25.

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 34. Mayor's Request Requesting that this Board convene in Executive Session to discuss a matter of pending litigation.
- 35. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of SPCD's proposed 1-Year Action Plan for the Federal HUD CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs, totaling \$4,791,462.
- 36. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a \$2,300,000 appropriation for the construction of the Trum Fieldhouse, and authorization to borrow \$2,300,000 with a bond.
- 37. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a \$400,000 appropriation for Building Improvements to the High School to remediate the fuel oil release from two underground storage tanks, and authorization to borrow \$400,000 with a bond.
- 38. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of an appropriation of \$1,000,000 from Receipts Reserved for Appropriation to establish a new Stabilization Fund for the design/construction of parks and playgrounds, or other municipal purposes.
- 39. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a \$30,000 transfer from the Law Legal Services Acct. to the City Damage to Persons Acct. to fund resolution of a legal matter.
- 40. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a \$25,000 transfer from the Library Salaries Acct. to the Capital Project Mgmt., Capital Items, Building Improvements Acct. to finish replacing lintels at the Fire Dept., 266 Broadway.
- 41. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a \$14,000 grant from the MA Office of Public Safety for the Police Dept. "Click It or Ticket" and "You Drink & Drive, You Lose" campaigns.
- 42. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to extend a contract with Design Partnership of Cambridge Inc. to June 30, 2008, for architectural services in connection with the Trum Fieldhouse project.

- 43. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Ellen Digby as Constable.
- 44. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Joseph Collette as Constable.
- 45. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Gerard O'Donnell Jodrey as Constable.
- 46. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Sergio Lemos as Constable.
- 47. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Veronica Mason as Constable.
- 48. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Michael Browne as Constable.
- 49. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Timothy McGonigal as Constable.
- 50. Mayor's Request Requesting the re-appointment of Darcy Haynes as Constable.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 51. Officer Request City Clerk requesting that this Board convene in Executive Session to consider the release of certain Executive Session Minutes.
- 52. Officer Comm. Planning Board re: proposed amendments establishing a PUD-C Zoning Overlay District and a Union Sq. Arts Overlay District.
- 53. Officer Comm. Director of SPCD responding to various board orders.
- 54. Officer Comm. Chief of Police responding to #182494.

NEW BUSINESS

- 55. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, On the Hill Tavern Road Race, Trum Field to Highland Ave. and back, June 16, 11:30AM.
- 56. Garage New Garage License, TC Auto Exchange, 176-178 Tremont St., 2 Autos inside, 12 outside.
- 57. Garage New Garage License, Mass Auto Repair, 631 Somerville Ave., 14 Autos.

- 58. Used Car New Used Car Dealer License Class II, Mass Auto Sales,
631 Somerville Ave., 14 Autos.

- 59. Used Car New Used Car Dealer License Class II, USA Automall, 620
Broadway, 9-9 M-Sa, 9-5 Su, 6 Autos.

- 60. Used Car New Used Car Dealer License Class II, Broadway Brake
Corp., 45 Broadway, 3 Autos inside, 27 outside.

- 61. Used Car New Used Car Dealer License Class II, County Auto Repair
Inc., 103 Washington St., 5 Autos.

- 62. Used Car Renewal of Used Car Dealer license Class II, Somerville
Auto Transport Service, 495 Columbia St., 12 Autos.

- 63. Used Car Renewal of Used Car Dealer License Class II, Isaac's Auto
Sales, 486 Columbia St., 6 Autos.

- 64. Used Car Renewal of Used Car Dealer License Class II, Boston Best
Car Auto Sales Inc., 266 Beacon St., 18 Autos.

- 65. Sign Sign/Awning Permit, City Slicker Café, 588 Somerville
Ave., Sign and awning.

- 66. Comm. MA Motorcycle Assoc., requesting municipal participation
in the State's Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Period,
from late March thru April.

LATE ITEMS